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ACTIVITIES FOR WORKING GROUP 10.02

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1. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTER FROM STEGALL
OF HUD TO TEREENTIEV OF GOSSTROY.

2. "DEAR OLEG: YOUR LETTER OF 2 DECEMBER CONTAINING A PRO-
POSED SCHEDULE FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VISITS IN FEBRUARY-APRIL
HAS BEEN RECEIVED. DR. BARFIELD SHARES MR. SOLODENNIKOV'S
CONCERN ABOUT LACK OF COORDINATION IN THE ORGANIZATION OF
MUTUAL VISITS. I WOULD POINT OUT, HOWEVER, THAT IN MY LET-
TER TO YOU OF 25 NOVEMBER WE TRANSMITTED FOR YOUR CONSIDER-
ATION A COMPLETE EXCHANGE SCHEDULE FOR WORKING GROUP 10.02
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DURING 1977. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE TO THAT LETTER FROM YOU
OR INDIRECTLY FROM MR. SOLODENNIKOV. HOWEVER, WE ASSUME
THAT YOUR COUNTER-PROPOSAL OF 2 DECEMBER CONSTITUTES SUCH A
RESPONSE EVEN THOUGH NO REFERENCE IS MADE TO MY LETTER OF
NOVEMBER 25.

"IN ORDER NOT TO FURTHER DELAY MATTERS, WE ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EXCHANGES IN FEBRUARY-APRIL 1977. WE NOTE HOWEVER, THAT THE SCHEDULE IS NOT BALANCED; FIVE SOVIET DELEGATIONS ARE LISTED AS VISITING THE U.S. DURING FEBRUARY-APRIL, WHILE ONLY THREE AMERICAN DELEGATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED IN THE U.S.S.R. DURING THAT PERIOD. I SUGGEST THAT THIS IMBALANCE BE RECTIFIED AS A MATTER OF RECIPROCITY. I RECOMMEND THAT THE FEBRUARY-APRIL DELEGATIONS BE PREPARED TO AGREE ON THE TIMING OF VISITS FOR THE THIRD AND FOURTH QUARTERS OF 1977, SUBJECT TO FINAL APPROVAL BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES. SUCH AGREEMENT WOULD COVER DELEGATIONS UNDER 1.3, 2.2 AND 2.2.1 VISITING THE SOVIET UNION, AND 2.1 VISITING THE U.S.

"SINCE NEITHER THE PROTOCOL NOR OUR PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE ANTICIPATED THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION UNDER SUBPROJECT 1.1.1 WOULD BE THE FIRST TO VISIT THE U.S., WE MUST BEGIN IMMEDIATELY TO DEVELOP THEIR ITINERARY WHICH YOU HAVE PROPOSED FOR FEBRUARY 13-22. AS HOTEL AND AIRLINE RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE IN THE NAME OF EACH SOVIET DELEGATE, WE NEED TO KNOW THE NAMES OF THE SOVIET TEAM MEMBERS OF SUBPROJECT 1.1.1 AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, ALONG WITH ANY SUGGESTIONS THEY MAY HAVE FOR SITE VISITS IN THIS COUNTRY. IT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL IF YOU WOULD PROVIDE THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PROJECT TEAMS ON 1.1.2 AND 1.3. WE WILL IN TURN ADVISE YOU BY THE END OF JANUARY OF THE U.S. MEMBERS OF THE SUBPROJECT 1.1.1 DELEGATION.

"AS WE HAVE ACCEPTED YOUR PROPOSED EXCHANGE SCHEDULE, DR. BARFIELD AND I HOPE WE CAN NOW PROCEED WITH DEFINITIVE UNCLASSIFIED

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PLANS FOR THE EIGHT VISITS NOTED IN YOUR LETTER OF 2 DECEMBER. I TRUST THAT THE COORDINATION PROBLEMS HAVE NOW BEEN ALLEVIATED TO ALLOW FOR FRUITFUL TECHNICAL EXCHANGES TAKING PLACE ON SCHEDULE. SINCERELY, RONALD D. STEGALL,
U.S. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY."
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